



## KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*Respect Enables  
All Learners*

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Dear Parents,

Yesterday we welcomed students in Divisions 1-5 from Westmount Elementary School, as well as staff and Principal Styles. We are happy to have them with us for as long as it takes to get them back into their own building. Our school building will be very full, extra busy, and please be patient as we navigate through the next few weeks with an increase in student body.

Our school year is 1/5 over and it is hard to believe how quickly time is passing. Beautiful fall leaves are falling everywhere! As the weather gets cooler, please ensure that your child comes prepared and dressed to play outside during break times. We have noticed not everyone is dressed for the weather on the playground. Also, check in with them when they do not bring all their clothes home as our lost and found is already stacking up.

As we settle into the new school year, one of the areas being discussed with learners is that of mindsets. We reflect on whether we are exhibiting a growth, fixed, or mixed mindset when we are given tasks or learning concepts that are new, difficult, or require perseverance over time. A growth mindset is the belief that we can learn more by working hard and persevering. It is also important to always remind students that those mistakes are part of the learning process; yet it is how we deal and react to these mistakes, that is most important.

We also assist students in their self-awareness and their ability to recognize their core or big emotions (happy/excited, worried/ afraid, sad/disappointed, angry/frustrated). Students are encouraged to name their big emotions and then learn strategies to regulate their emotions, thoughts, and behaviours effectively. We also teach a variety of self-regulation strategies and staff are always available to assist students with co-regulation until they can do this independently. In addition, we also instruct in the areas of perspective taking, the ability to establish and maintain healthy relationships, and responsible decision making. We will continue to work on all of these areas throughout the year.

Wishing you all a beautiful autumn season.

*Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal*

### **HALLOWE'EN**

With Hallowe'en just around the corner, KBES will be celebrating the festivities on Friday, October 31, 2025. If students are choosing not to wear costumes, they may prefer to wear

orange and black that day. Costumes are not mandatory, and in fact some students prefer not to bring them to school so they do not get ruined.

If students are choosing to wear costumes, there are some guidelines to follow at KBES. Please remember costumes should not include any weapons, face covering/masks, include gore, profanity, or anything else which violates our code of conduct. We ask that ALL accessories remain at home so that they are in great condition for Hallowe'en evening and to maintain the safety of all our students. KBES is not responsible for costumes that may be damaged if students choose to wear them to school.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in case they wish to change out of their costumes. As well, if a costume interferes with your child's or other students' learning they will be asked to change. For example, an inflatable that they use to run into other people or distract their peers with.

Once the fun of trick or treating is completed, we ask that parent limit the number of treats they bring to school each day. The staff at Kay Bingham appreciates your help in making our school safe and healthy.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This year, we will have an assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. Please ask your child(ren) to share what their class contributed to our assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **PAC**

Thank you to the PAC for all the amazing work they do to support our students and classrooms! We have a few new members this year but encourage everyone to come out and join us. Many hands make light work!

All parents/guardians of children at our school are members of our PAC and are encouraged to become involved in our school PAC.

❖ Next meeting: November 10 @ 6:00pm

Thank you to the PAC for supporting classes by providing:

- PAC Student of the Month gifts
- Bus transportation for field trips
- Providing opportunities for hot lunch

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE**

This is a reminder that whenever the school is involved in an emergency process or drill, that students are not permitted to use their cell phones under any circumstance (just as they are not allowed during the school day). As such, please do not contact your child if you become aware that we are involved in any emergency procedures. If it is a true emergency procedure, the school website will have up to date information posted by the school district.

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

Please do not forget to call in your child's absence and/or late arrival each day that they are absent from school. The absence reporting telephone number is 1-844-350-2647 and if you haven't done so, you may create an account at the following website: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca). You may also download the app for school messenger.

### **PAC STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Last year, PAC began a *Student of the Month* program. Each month, a student who exemplifies the ROCKS traits will be recognized. Each winner receives a gift bag from PAC! Congratulations to our class winners in September for doing such an amazing job being respectful, organized, cooperative, kind, and safe!

Div 001-Oscar Winter

Div 002-Shelby Lambert

Div 003-Diana Mustafaeva

Div 004-Crissa-Mae Agbayani

Div 005-Logan Browne

Div 006-Chloe Thomas-Morrone

Div 007-Kayson Cardinal

Div 008-Liam Anderson

Div 009-Adam Ronald

Div 010-Cyriac Sojan Arganthu

### **MEALS PROGRAM**

Our meals program has begun. If you require a subsidy for the 2025-2026 year due to financial challenges, please contact the school principal.

### **PARENT PORTAL**

Now is the time to ensure you are set up on the parent portal before the busy report card season approaches. Please contact Mrs. Bonderud in the front office for any assistance related to the portal, whether it is getting started or needing a password reset.

### **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Please be mindful that we do not provide supervision either before or after school. Our classroom doors open at 8:25am and students are dismissed at 2:34pm each day.

Supervision outside of this time is the responsibility of the parent. Students should not be staying on their own to play before walking home.

### **MyEdBC MESSAGES**

One of the platforms that SD73 uses to send out email and other messages to parents is MyEdBC. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that Hotmail email accounts filter out any MyEdBC messages. We would ask that if you have a Hotmail account that you currently use for school and district messaging, that you provide the school with an alternate email address to not miss out on any important messages. We have been informed that Gmail accounts work fine with this platform.

## **TOYS AT SCHOOL**

Just a reminder for students to leave cherished, important toys at home. When brought to school they can be lost or damaged, leaving a student very upset. It is much easier to keep all toys at home so as to avoid these sorts of meltdowns. We appreciate your help with this matter.

## **CALENDAR EVENTS**

### October

- 31 Halloween Parade (primary) and Halloween Dance (intermediates)
- 31 PAC Hot Lunch Day

### November

- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45am
- 10 PAC Meeting @ 6pm
- 11 Remembrance Day- SCHOOL CLOSED
- 14 Popcorn Day (details to follow)
- 20 Grade 6 Immunizations (if you sign up)
- 21 Spirit Day (PJs)
- 21 Popcorn Day
- 28 PAC Hot Lunch
- 29 PAC Craft Fair

### December

- 1 Non-Instructional Day-SCHOOL CLOSED
- 11 Christmas Concert 1:15pm
- 12 Christmas Concert 1:15pm